

1863

West Virginia split off of
Virginia and itself
became a state

1863-1865

Pendleton Murrah was Gov.
of Tex

1863

West Virginia became a state

1863, Sept. 8,

Lieutenant Dick Dowling
Fort Griffin a Sabine Pass
protected the opening of Sabine Lake
to the Gulf of Mexico. Less than
50 Texas soldiers were stationed
there. They were called Davis
Guards.

Union Army arrived with
5,000 soldiers and more than
20 ships. The Davis Guards

damaged two Union gunboats and
took about 350 prisoners. The Union
Army was forced to turn back

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At Sabine Pass, TX
the Davis Guards stopped
the Union forces from
invading Texas

Jan 1, 1863

Soldiers led by General John B.
Magruder returned Salveston
to Confederate Control

June 28, 1863

Lincoln put Maj Gen. George G. Meade in command of the Army of the Potomac; just 3 days before the Battle of Gettysburg.

Lincoln had given up on Joe Hooker Meade, by forced marches managed to concentrate nearly his entire army at Lee's front and had deployed it skillfully.

on July 3, 1863 Meade seized the initiative
by pushing forward on his right
& seizing Culp's Hill.

Then he decided to strike straight
ahead.

July 3, 1863

altogether, at Gettysburg, some 28,000 confederates (more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of Lee's entire Army) were killed, wounded, captured, or missing.

Meade and his Union troops were so stunned by their own losses (about 23,000), that they failed to capitalize on their victory.

July 26, 1863

Samuel Houston died.
His last words were,
"Texas, Texas."

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The building of the Central Pacific
Railroad eastward from Sacramento
across the Sierra Nevada
mountains, was begun with
the help of imported Chinese
coolies

May 2, 1863

Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va., he died eight days later